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May 2, 2003

Mr. Bob Sharpe Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #20 Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

This is in response to your April 25, 2003, request for a temporary extension of the Home and Community Based Channeling Services Waiver for Frail-Elders (#0116.90.R2.04). The current waiver is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2003.

In order to provide adequate time for your staff to review and respond to the draft compliance report and to prepare the renewal application, we are granting a 90-day extension through September 28, 2003. This extension allows continued services at the cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program with Federal financial participation.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-7414.

Sincerely,

Terrie Morris Medicaid and SCHIP Policy Branch Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

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